S.No.	State	NGO
4.	Maharashtra	1. Bel-Air Sanitorium, Panchgani
5.	Tamil Nadu (5)	1. North Arcot Peoples Welfare Services Society, Vellore
		2. C.S. Ragoothaman, Charitable Trust, Coimbatore
		3. Family Planning Association of India, Madurai
		4. Meenakshi Mission Centre, Madurai
		5. Association of Arulagam Hospice, Dindugal
6.	Nagaland (2)	1. Naga Mothers Association, Kohima
		2. Churches Alliance for Community Care & Support, Trensang

Non-availability of medicines in ayurvedic dispensaries

†1841. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prescribed medicines are not available in the Ayurvedic dispensaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the medicines are purchased by the patients themselves and the amount against the bill is reimbursed after lapse of a months; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in view of the harassment of the patients to streamline the local purchase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. A few of the Ayurvedic medicines are not available in the CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries/units due to delay in finalisation of the Ayurvedic formulary for the year 2002-2004. The said formulary has since been finalised and supply orders for all listed medicines have been dispatched. The supplies in respect of CGHS Delhi have already commenced.

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The beneficiaries are allowed to purchase Ayurvedic medicines from the open market which are not available in the CGHS dispensary/units in Delhi and the amount is reimbursed to the beneficiary.

In the case of CGHS Ayurvedic units outside Delhi, most of the Ayurvedic medicines prescribed by the doctors are available in the dispensary. The medicines which are not available in the dispensary are either procured through local chemists based upon individual prescription or alternatively, the beneficiaries are authorised to purchase the Ayurvedic medicines from the market and reimbursement is made to them.

(b) By and large, the reimbursement claims of the CGHS beneficiaries are settled in about 15 days after the bills are received by the In-charge of the CGHS in the concerned city.

(c) Steps have already been initiated for appointing fresh authorised local chemists for supplying Ayurvedic medicines in CGHS Delhi.

Waiting List for operations in AIIMS

†1842. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in All India Institute of Medical Sciences patients have to wait for a long period for operation even after a decision for their operation is taken;

(b) if so, the number of such patients in the year 2000-2001 who had to wait for three months or more after the decision for their operation was taken; and

(c) the diseases from which these patients were suffering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, emergency patients, Cancer patients and very sick patients get priority. Other patients requiring elective surgery are given dates and surgery at a subsequent date. The postponed operations are done within next three months. The

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